

# Sentences and Sentence Fragments C

**1a.** A **sentence** is a word or word group that contains a subject and a verb and that expresses a complete thought.

A **sentence fragment** is a group of words that looks like a sentence but that does not contain both a subject and a verb or does not express a complete thought.

**EXERCISE A** Write *S* if the group of words is a sentence or *F* if the group of words is a sentence fragment.

**Example**   *F*   1. The leaves floating slowly down the stream.

- 1. Hoping for good news, she shut her eyes tightly.
- 2. Finished with the job.
- 3. The squirrel running quickly from branch to branch.
- 4. The young deer at the edge of the clearing.
- 5. Fireworks lit the sky.
- 6. Called the electrician after the storm.
- 7. Want to read the newspaper every morning.
- 8. Here comes the train!
- 9. When we thought about his statement for a while.
- 10. The bird sat on a branch high in the tree, singing merrily.

**EXERCISE B** On the lines provided, rewrite each of the following sentence fragments as a complete sentence.

**Example** 1. Disappeared into the woods.   *The deer looked around and disappeared into the woods.*  

- 11. At dawn, the mountains in the east. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 12. Was tossed and turned by the wind. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 13. Because it's snowing. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 14. Whenever I see a sunset. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 15. The colorful tropical fish. \_\_\_\_\_  
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